

PRESIDENT'S MOTHER DEAD

THE END CAME AT 2 O'CLOCK
YESTERDAY MORNING

She Died Without Regaining Consciousness.—
The President summoned the other Mem-
bers of the Family to the Bedside.—Funeral

CANTON, Dec. 12.—President McKimley's mother, Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, died shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. She was unconscious to the end and her death was painless. For half an hour before she died her body was rigid and it was impossible to note the exact moment at which life began to leave her.

The President was keeping the vigil when she died and he summoned the other members of the family. The four surviving children all sat out one of the grand old chairs which were present at the wedding. The President tired at 3:30 o'clock, but arose about the usual time, and with his brother Abner took his first real exercise for many days in an hour's walk through the streets near his house.

Soon after dawn the President of the Methodist Episcopal Church slowly toiled off eighty-nine strokes, this revival of an old custom to announce the death and age of a member of the congregation having been made by the sexton at the collection of the day.

At the funeral the church who had been Mrs. McKinley's warm friends for many years. Dawn also brought a

day from friends of the family in all parts of the country, and in the early morning many Canton people called with words of condolence.

Assistant Secretary of State Day, who came to the residence of the President and who remained over, was among the first, and, as an old and valued friend, assisted in the funeral arrangements. It was the first idea of the family to have only services at the house of a simple and intimate gathering of friends, and, however, that in this case Mrs. McKinley's many friends would have little opportunity of participating, and it was decided to hold exercises in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, at Canton, Ohio, on Monday morning, to be followed by interment in Westlawn Cemetery. Mrs. McKinley had been associated with this church during her residence here and was a member of the congregation, and, after having been at the morning services three times, she had been asked to leave the choir of the church, and when in the city always attended the services, usually accompanied by his mother. In the afternoon of Monday, the President will write each of the ministers of the city, and in the evening will write the members of the church.

This afternoon the President and Abner McKinley, Jr., will leave for Canton, Ohio.

ally for the interment of their mother at the side of her husband, in the lot adjoining that in which are buried the two children born to President and Mrs. McKinley more than twenty years ago. The President carried flowers to strew on the graves of the children, as both he

There will be a number of people here from Washington for the funeral, among them Messrs. Bliss, McKenna, and Gary of the Cabinet, Mrs. McKenna and daughters, and Secretary to the President Porter and Mrs. Porter, who will reach here early Tuesday morning. They will leave Tuesday evening, accompanied by the President and Mrs. McKinley.

Scotch homes to seek religious freedom in America. She was married at the age of 22, and spent the early years of her married life in O. D. White's family. She was the first-born. He was her seventh child, coming after David, Anna, James, Mary, Helen, and Sarah. Abner McKinley and a child that died were her eighth and ninth children. McKinley, "Mother" McKinley brought up her family on old-fashioned principles. She was a woman of strong character and strong religious faith. For twenty years before her son's election to the Presidency she had expressed a belief that he would some time occupy the White House. She attended the inauguration and listened to the address. One son, John, died while the President was visiting his mother, as

her forehead. She had the wound sewed up without an anesthetic, and without complaint. Mrs. McKinley lost her husband in 1889, when he died at the age of 55. The daughter Helen had cared for her during her closing years. Mrs. McKinley's fatal illness was the result of a paralytic stroke which occurred ten days before her death.

GOING TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL.

Two Special Cars to Leave Washington To-night for Canton.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Arrangements have been made for several members of the Cabinet to attend the funeral of the late President McKinley.

to attend the funeral of Mrs. McKinley, the President's mother, at Canton, O., on Tuesday. The party will go in two special cars attached to the regular train on the Pennsylvania road, leaving Washington to-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock. It will consist of Secretaries Alger, Bliss, and Wilson, Postmaster-General Gary, Attorney-General McKenna, Secretary Porter and Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Gary, and Mrs. McKenna, and perhaps Secretary Sherman. Secretaries Gage and Long will be detached to attend the funeral of the late Judge Day, the Assistant Secretary of State.

FORT SHERIDAN MAY HAVE TO GO.
Secretary Alger Has Expressed the Opinion That It Is Too Near Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The innumerable scandals that have disgraced Fort Sheridan since the army post was established may result in its abandonment. It is stated on semi-official authority that the advisability of a transfer of the military station to a point more remote from Chicago has received serious consideration at

SECRETARY ALGER has intimated to a friend within a week that he thought the post at Fort Snider was a "good one." He has given this as his reason that it was too near Chicago. The Secretary further said that he intended to confer with the President on the subject and that he believed the views of the Executive would be in accord with his own.

It is further said that both the President and Secretary Alger are disgusted with the result in the case of the *Albatross*, and have taken occasion of the order for the public reading of the Lovering retirement has greatly incensed Mr. Alger against the post and its officers.

SLEIGH ROUTE TO DAWSON.

Mr. Charles Tupper, former Canadian Premier, has been seen in the *Sphinx*.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 12.—Sir Charles Tupper, late Premier of Canada, has perfected a gigantic scheme for securing winter communication with the Klondike by a relay sledge or drosky route via the Skeena River and Teslin Lake. He will

Year's Day. His political diplomacy is evidenced by the persistent announcement that it would be madness to attempt a winter journey, rival enterprise thus being checkmated and a monopoly secured.

Two Mexican Murderers Shot.
MATAMORAS, Mexico, Dec. 12.—Pantaleon and Victoriano Gullen, the brothers who murdered aged Do Manuel Carrillo in this city on the night of Oct. 5, were shot in the prison yard here yesterday. Six gendarmes served as executioners, one being the Lieutenant of Police. He stepped up to the condemned men immediately after the first volley and shot them with

his rifle, which he placed just behind the test ear. The prisoners were conducted blindfolded from their cells one at a time and were seated in a chair facing the executioners, who were about six paces away. Pantaleon confessed to a priest and received his blessing, but Victoriano

Earthquakes in Mexico.
CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 12.—The Government Meteorological Bureau here has received advices from Acapulco and other points along that part of the Pacific coast announcing several earthquake shocks in the last three days. Each shock was of short duration, and no damage was done.